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With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of an application for patent in the name(s) of:

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entitled:

VIDEO DATA COMPRESSION APPARATUS AND METHOD OF SAME

X Continuing Application

X Continuation ___ Divisional ___ Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application serial no. 08/909,448, filed August 11, 1997.

[Note: If priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 involves a series of respectively copending applications, then in this amendment identify each and its relationship to its immediate predecessor.]

X The prior application is assigned of record to SONY CORPORATION .

The following are enclosed:

- X Specification (62 pages)
- X 16 Sheet(s) of Drawings
- X 34 Claim(s) (including 8 independent claim(s))
- ___ This application contains a multiple dependent claim
- X Our check for \$1,362.00, calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application (less any claims canceled herein) as amended by any enclosed preliminary amendment as follows:

This application is being filed within the month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor in the prior application. This is a petition to request a -month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.





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